ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

Plain folk sometimes have harsh words to say about the ritual that goes with the opening of Parliament.

Saturday Night magazine of Toronto recently asked: "Does the opening of the Canadian Parliament need all the folderol that now goes with it? Does the Governor-General really need to drive through the icy streets of Ottawa in such a preteritiously obsolete vehicle as a "closed landau?"

"And does Black Rod HAVE to tramp down all those long corridors to bring the Commons jostling into the Senate to hear a speech written by one of the Commons' own members?"

Saturday Night concedes that such "folderol" may be of value to members of Parliament, and that "the few shreds of tradition we have in this country" might be worth preserving.

However, the magazine thinks that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation should cut down its television coverage of the opening, because pictures of such antique ceremonies make Parliament look "quaint."

Vigorous, Vital, Essential

"Parliament is, in fact, a vigorous, vital and essential part of our democratic system. If it appears quaint and archaic to people across the country—particularly to those people who have no Anglo-Saxon background—then this vitality will be sapped."

Similar arguments are put forward by people who would like to abolish the pageantry that goes with the opening of our provincial legislature.

I disagree with such arguments, and with the views expressed in Saturday Night.

Our parliamentary system has grown up through hundreds of years of conflict and usage. Men have died and others have languished in prison for it. The system began in England, gained its full stature there, and was transferred almost all in one piece to Canada, where it has served well.

Whether we like it or not, parliamentary democracy was a British invention. The government of every democratic nation was either directly copied from the British model or strongly influenced by it.

The ritual of Parliament is a sort of history in shorthand. Each piece of "folderol" is a reminder of some event in the long growth and struggle toward freedom.

System a Model to All

The opening of Parliament is a secular religious rite that dramatizes our belief in government by the people, through the honorable forms of a constitutional monarchy—a system that has been a model to the world.

Without these rituals, some people might begin thinking that Mr. Bennett, or Mr. Diefenbaker, invented Parliament. We had some good leaders before either of these gentlemen came on the scene. The traditional rites remind us of that fact.

The lieutenant-governor could sell his gold-braided coat and give the money to the poor. It might be enough to buy each of them a bag of peanuts. But the nation would be poorer.

If new Canadians are hostile or indifferent toward the outward ritual of our parliamentary system, the chances are that they are ignorant of the inner realities of that system, and the blood that was shed to make our government work as it does.

Let them learn how our government works, and how it grew. If, having learned those lessons, they still want to sweep away the ritual, they deserve a hearing. But the fact that people are ignorant of certain things is not a valid argument for destroying those things.

Red Loan Asked for Indians

Sioux Indian Al LaFontaine, director of the Indian Trades Council, says he has asked Russia for a $5,000,000 loan to aid Indians on the Turtle Mountain reservation in North Dakota. LaFontaine, shown working at his job as machinist, said he's convinced the American government has no intention of helping Indians, and wants the loan to "get some kind of industry started on the reservation so Indians can have a weekly pay cheque."

Fleming Goes as Far as Preliminary

Fiscal Parley Soon?

OTTAWA (CP) — Two opposition motions of want-of-confidence, both based on demands for a new federal-provincial fiscal conference, were defeated in the Commons Tuesday night by the big Progressive Conservative majority.

A Liberal motion calling for an immediate conference to deal with unemployment and tax-sharing was defeated by a vote of 171 to 50.

Minutes earlier a vote of 171 to 49 rejected a CCF amendment presented by Erhart Regier, Burnaby-Coquitlam, in proposing a multi-point program including higher federal spending on a wide range of welfare measures.

Monday, Finance Minister Fleming announced the government is planning a federal-provincial conference of finance ministers soon to set the stage for technical studies of tax-sharing problems.

Referring to the need for preliminary studies before a full conference, Mr. Fleming said: "The success of a conference depends on the preparatory work."

But he did not say that a full conference will be called.

The CCF amendment yesterday, ruled in order by Speaker Roland Michener despite objections by Finance Minister Fleming, said the government should consider the advisability of presenting to such a conference federal proposals to:

1. Assume complete responsibility for the welfare of employable unemployed.
2. Ensure employment opportunities for all Canadians willing and able to work.
3. Reduce the burden of interest rates on provincial and municipal borrowings.

Mr. Regier said the CCF program to deal with unemployment includes higher weekly unemployment insurance payments, to be paid until a jobless person finds work.

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Ottawa Report

Hees to Investigate CPR Rail Service

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Hees said yesterday he will meet the CPR to try to arrange satisfactory passenger service on the Kettle Valley rail line in the B.C. interior.

H. W. Herridge (CCF, Kootenay West) said in the Commons, passenger service on line faces "creeping paralysis." The CPR blamed it on "abnormal" local circumstances and patrolling costs, apparently costs of protecting the line against bombings attributed to Sons of Freedom Doukhobors.

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OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's only Indian senator, Sen. James Gladstone (PC, Alberta) asked yesterday that Indian students be encouraged and helped to mix with non-Indians so they can better understand the modern country in which they live.

OTTAWA (UPI)—The government does not plan to establish a parliamentary committee to hear opinions on the adequacy of its proposed bill of rights, Prime Minister Diefenbaker said yesterday.

The prime minister added, however, that there was "no finality" to his answer.

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Squire Urges:

Boost Basic Wage

Labor Minister Lyle Wicks could make "a real contribution to this province if he would take the antiquated Minimum Wage Act and jack it up," John Squire (CCF, Alberni) told the legislature yesterday.

He referred particularly to wages paid to girls who work in cafes.

Criticizing power policy, he asked, "Why this harum-scarum hurry to develop the north when we still have the south to develop?"

He asked the labor minister to have a new look at the Workmen's Compensation Act. He said hundreds of thousands of claimants have not been satisfied that justice has been done.

RCMP Pact Bad Deal?

A Social Credit MLA suggested in the legislature yesterday that B.C. got a bad deal when it dissolved the British Columbia Provincial Police and turned policing over to the RCMP.

Frank Richter of Similkameen said: "My point is that we are paying more and receiving less in service."

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Strike Vote For Nurses Moves Closer

Appointment of W. Fraser of Vancouver to conduct a strike vote among some 740 nurses in eight Lower Mainland hospitals was announced yesterday by Labor Minister Wicks.

The Registered Nurses' Association of B.C. agreed to accept the terms of a conciliation board, but it was turned down by the hospitals.

Courtroom Parade

Couple Pleads Guilty To False Pretences

In calm, quiet voices, a young man and his wife pleaded guilty in city police court yesterday to a charge of obtaining goods by false pretences by means of a worthless cheque.

Minutes before, the husband admitted guilt in a similar charge in Saanich police court.

Remanded in custody to Feb. 17 for a probation report were John W. Willison and Frances Jean Raymus. In Saanich court Willison was remanded to Thursday.

Charges followed a raid by city and Saanich detectives Monday night on the couple's quarters at 1785 Ross. Taking part were Det.-Sgt. Joseph Armstrong and Det. Robin Stewart of Saanich, and Dets. Richard Berry and Ray Maitland of Victoria.

Goods obtained in the raid, valued at about $2,000, included slide projectors, tool boxes, portable typewriters, electrical kitchen appliances, a telescope, surveyors' instruments, records, a record player and electrical wiring.

In Saanich court, Willison was charged with obtaining goods and groceries worth $22.15 from Lake Hill Food Market, 3949 Quadra, for which he presented a worthless cheque on Jan. 10.

In city court, the two were charged jointly with obtaining mechanics' tools, a sander and attachment from a second-hand store at 1314 Government, operated by Arthur Loof. For these they proffered a worthless cheque for $214.30.

This, Det. Berry told the court, was also on Jan. 10, and on this occasion Willison was accompanied by his wife.

Prosecutor T. P. O'Grady informed Magistrate William Ostler that other charges may be laid against the two.

Some of the goods taken in Monday's raid, police said, had been obtained in Vancouver, North and West Vancouver as well as in Victoria.

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Ronald Johanson and Ernie Sanders, both of no fixed address, were sentenced to three months in jail by Magistrate Ostler yesterday for the theft on Saturday of three wallets and eight pairs of women's stockings from the Grand Spot News, 608 Yates.

In addition, Johanson was sentenced to one month on a public mischief charge, which arose from the smashing of a plate glass window, valued at about $100, in the premises of Charlie Wo, 1423 Government.

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Gregory Jakimowicz, 937 Collinson, was committed for trial in higher court by Magistrate Ostler, on a charge of arson. Fire at accused's home early on Jan. 15 burned a front living room and contents.

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In Sidney police court Monday Ronald Lawrence Marshall of Sidney was fined $50 and costs for failing to remain at the scene of an accident, and an additional $35 and costs for careless driving. His licence was suspended for 90 days.

Police said Marshall, who pleaded guilty to the charges, sideswiped another car on Beacon Avenue, Sidney, Saturday night. He was arrested Sunday.

Moving Proposal

Burnaby Drops Capital Scheme

VANCOUVER (CP) — Proposal to move the B.C. capital to the mainland was dropped by municipal council of suburban Burnaby Monday night, but by a slim margin.

Coun. Camille Mather said curtailed Canadian Pacific steamship service would make travel to Victoria difficult. She suggested Oakalla Prison Farm or the B.C. Penitentiary as suitable sites for the capital.

The proposal was defeated 4-3 after Coun. Charles MacSorley said there were more important matters for council to consider.

Caller Hunted In Hoax At School

Saanich detectives yesterday were investigating closely a telephone call which spurred a morning bomb-hunt in Colquitz Junior High School.

At 8.34 a.m., the call was made to Saanich police. The voice was that of a youth, who refused to give any name.

"There's a bomb planted in Colquitz Junior High School," the voice said.

Saanich Deputy Chief Jack Hamilton, three constables, members of the Saanich fire department, and members of the school staff combed every inch of the building.

Students were sent home and told to come back after lunch. The search turned up nothing.

Police are seeking the instigator of the bomb scare, who faces a charge of public mischief, which carries a possible five-year prison term.

Ship Calendar

NAVY

Miramichi and James Bay return at 2 p.m. Thursday. Ottawa arrives from Atlantic Command Feb. 18, Jonquiere and New Waterford return 11 a.m. Feb. 20. Fraser, Margaree and Skeena return March 20. Assiniboine arrives from Atlantic Command March 20.

UP-ISLAND PORTS

Chemainus—Riverton, Rolv Jarl.

Crofton—King Charles.

Alberni—Mostun, Thunderbird.

Weather Forecast

February 11, 1959

Mostly cloudy, with occasional snow flurries. Little change in temperature. Winds northerly 15, occasionally reaching 25. Precipitation Tuesday, .02. Sunshine, 6 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High......36 Low......32

Forecast Temperatures

High......37 Low......32

Sunrise....7.30 Sunset....5.28

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy, with occasional snow flurries. Little change in temperature. Winds light, becoming northeast 20 down mainland inlets and valleys. High and low at Nanaimo, 37 and 30.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Variable cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Winds light, becoming northerly 15 in the afternoon. High and low at Estevan Point, 40 and 32.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Pre.
Halifax	10	34	.32
Montreal	4	18	.14
Ottawa	4	16	.19
Toronto	14	24	.49
North Bay	2	7	—
Port Arthur	—16	8	—
Kenora	—13	1	—
Winnipeg	—25	—10	—
Brandon	—2	23	—
The Pas	—15	—4	
Regina	—14	0	.07
Saskatoon	—24	0	Trace
Prince Albert	—27	—3	—
North Battleford	—22	—5	
Swift Current	—13	5	Trace
Medicine Hat	—24	—3	Trace
Lethbridge	—10	0	—
Calgary	—12	—1	.03
Edmonton	—17	—3	.01
Kimberley	9	21	.25
Crescent Valley	20	25	.35
Kaslo	16	28	
Grand Forks	23	31	.30
Kamloops	17	22	.31
Penticton	22	29	.48
Vancouver	32	38	Trace
Prince Rupert	20	30	—
Prince George	—3	10	—
Whitehorse	0	12	—
Seattle	32	38	.69
Portland	37	49	.42
San Francisco	47	55	1.39
Los Angeles	48	59	.06
Spokane	28	44	.34
Chicago	27	33	.77
New York	33	45	.66

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
11	05.38	8.2	11.40	5.6	16.52	7.1	23.19	4.6
12	06.08	8.3	12.34	5.3	17.50	6.6	23.45	5.3
13	06.36	8.4	13.34	4.9	19.14	6.2	23.59	5.9
14	07.04	8.4	14.38	4.6	------		------	
15	07.27	8.4	15.45	4.2	------		------	
16	07.51	8.4	16.43	3.9	------		------	
17	08.25	8.4	17.32	3.5	------		------	
18	09.13	8.4	18.13	3.1	------		------	
19	10.20	[illegible]	18.52	2.7				
20	04.34	7.9	06.48	7.7	11.28	8.5	19.28	2.4
21	[illegible]	7.8	07.31	7.3	12.24	8.6	20.04	2.3
22	02.41	7.7	08.12	6.7	13.19	8.3	20.40	2.3
23	03.34	7.9	08.56	6.1	14.12	8.4	21.16	2.6

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
11	00.34	4.9	07.32	11.3	13.53	6.3	19.30	9.1
12	01.10	5.8	07.58	11.2	14.37	5.9	20.36	8.9
13	01.46	[illegible]	08.23	11.0	15.25	5.5	21.55	8.8
14	02.21	7.6	08.51	10.8	16.15	5.2	23.35	8.9
15	03.15	8.4	09.20	10.6	17.05	4.9		
16	01.28	9.3	04.29	9.1	09.54	10.4	17.56	4.6
17	02.46	9.8	06.11	9.5	10.35	10.3	18.47	4.2
18	03.25	10.2	07.32	9.6	11.28	10.2	19.32	3.8
19	03.55	10.6	08.21	9.4	12.23	10.1	20.15	3.4
20	04.21	10.9	09.15	9.1	13.27	10.2	20.57	3.1
21	04.45	[illegible]	09.52	8.7	14.31	10.3	21.39	3.0
22	05.10	11.3	10.29	8.1	15.28	10.4	22.18	3.1
23	05.36	11.5	11.07	7.4	16.27	10.3	22.59	3.5

Science Now Shrinks Piles Without Pain Or Discomfort

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